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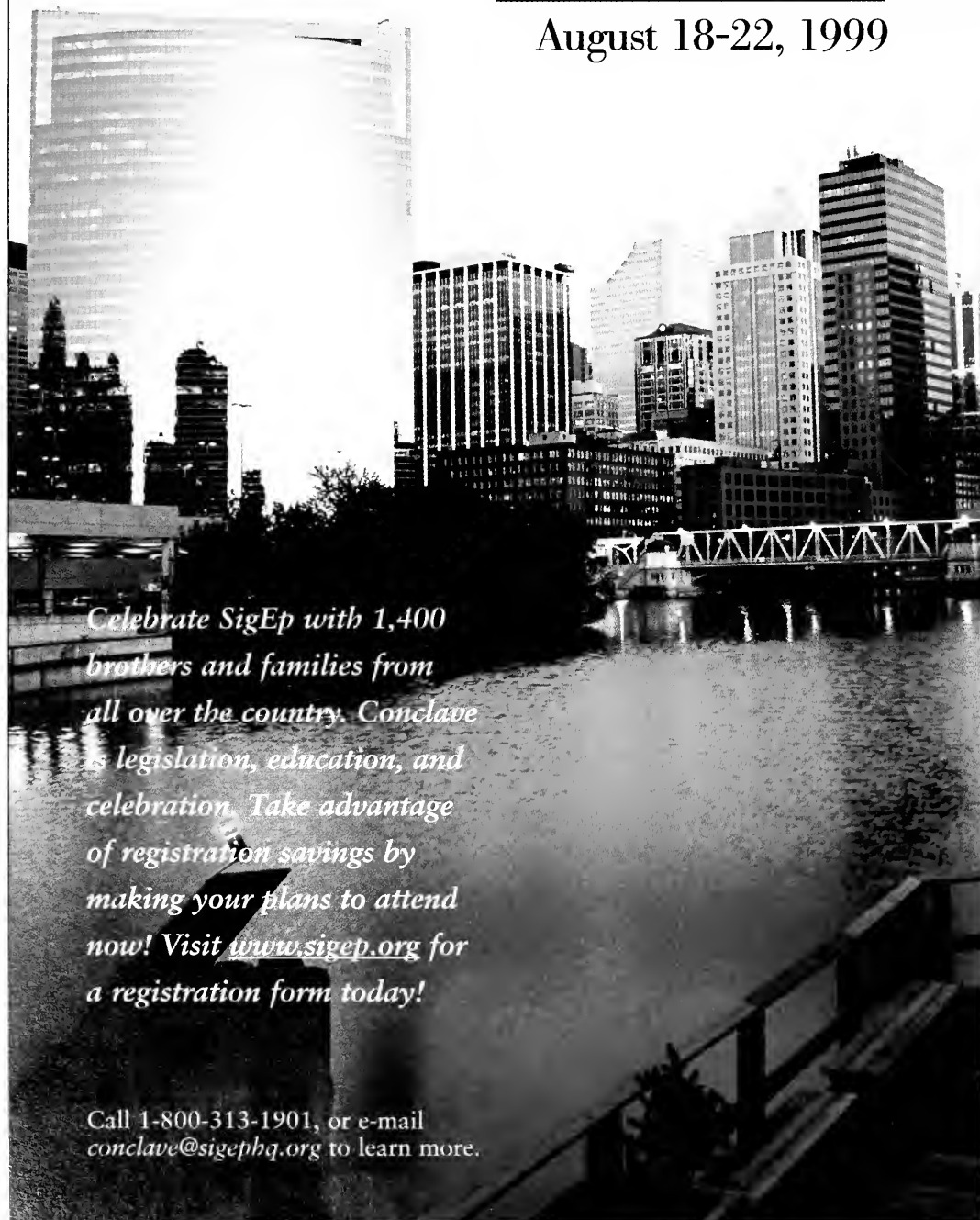
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The Balanced Man symbol: Concurrent with the Fraternity's development of a strategic plan in 1989, the Balanced Man symbol was created as an expression of the values of our Greek-letter heritage, "Spirit Healthy, Body Healthy."

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Sigma Phi Epsilon's rich heritage provides a strong foundation as the Fraternity looks to the future. (Story page 16.)

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SigEp Abroad:

A World of Brotherhood.

To contribute to the article, please contact the *Journal* by January 15, 1999.

Announcements

Sigma Phi Epsilon is proud to be returning or establishing new chapters on the following campuses this fall:

Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi
Corpus Christi, TX

University of Georgia
Athens, GA

University of San Diego
San Diego, CA

Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY

Boston University
Boston, MA

This spring, SigEp is targeting the following campuses for expansion:

George Washington University
Washington, DC

University of Miami
Miami, FL

Kettering University (Formerly GMI Engineering & Management Institute)
Flint, MI

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Undergraduates: Each Newsletter Chairman is a correspondent for *SigEp Journal*. Newsletter Chairmen are encouraged to submit photographs and/or reports of chapter events, community service projects, campus activities, etc., throughout the year at any time.

Alumni & Friends: Alumni and friends are encouraged to submit information to *SigEp Journal*. Tell us about your career, achievements, activities, etc., and be sure to include photographs.

Letters, news, and editorial submissions should be directed to the editor at the above address.

FORUM

LETTERS, COMMENTARY & RESPONSES

SigEp Journal

I have been a SigEp for 76 years and in that period have seen hundreds of house programs, including SigEp's. I have enjoyed the last issue above any that I have seen—everything about it. The only thing that could improve it would be greater participation by the chapters.

MAYNARD TURNER
PAST GRAND PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON '22

I received and read the *SigEp Journal* last night and want to congratulate you on a great edition. It was, in a word, balanced in all areas. Glad to see the expansion to 24 pages, and the design was really professional. Nice work.

WILLIAM HOKE
ARIZONA '73

The 1998 spring issue of the *SigEp Journal* was well written and hit the point. I've been out of school for a long time but I enjoy reading about current SigEps. Had the pleasure of meeting two of our Fraternity founders! Keep up the good work.

DONALD PAULS
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY '50

Even though being in India, I still get my *SigEp Journal* regularly and on time. I appreciate the great work by the team of the *SigEp Journal*.

CHETAN SHAH
ADELPHI '95

I always appreciate you sending a *SigEp Journal* all the way to me in Japan. Being a SigEp was the best part of my college life. Thank you very much for your great work.

TOSHIO NISHIDA
MOREHEAD STATE '90

The feedback about the SigEp Journal is appreciated. As always, your comments, suggestions, submissions, and especially quality photographs are welcome. Without the support of alumni, the quality of the Journal would not be able to improve. Please contact SigEp Journal at P.O. Box 1901, Richmond, Virginia 23218, via fax at (804) 359-8160, or via e-mail at journal@sigephq.org. ★

SigEp's Approach to Alcohol

Have debated whether or not to write but I felt I had to comment on your approach to alcohol abuse (or use). I feel any use of alcohol is an abuse of the user's body and mind. There is not one ounce of positive benefits. Let's not drink period.

JOE GROTHUS
IOWA '49



Several friends who I had at school have turned out to be alcoholics. I believe that this is a direct result of the practices of the Fraternity. The articles in the Spring 1998 *Journal* convinced me that moderation is your theme rather than abstinence. The practices of Sigma Phi Epsilon are not consistent with my religious beliefs and moral practices. Please remove me from your rolls.

GENE A. GRINDSTAFF
TENNESSEE TECH '74

The debate over the best approach to curbing the destructive behaviors associated with alcohol is a contentious one. The problem is complex, and Sigma Phi Epsilon believes a holistic approach will be most effective in helping ensure the safety and health of our members and their guests. To learn more about SigEp's Alcohol Education Initiative, turn to page 6. ★

SigEp Alumni Association

Inside the front cover of the spring *SigEp Journal* there's an ad for the SigEp Alumni Association. I would like to learn more, particularly how to join.

GARY THIEL
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI '96

Thank you, and the numerous other alumni who responded to the advertisement. Hopefully, the materials which we mailed you were informative. For more information and an update, please turn to page 8. ★

Mentors

I was wondering if there is an alumni network consisting of brothers employed in Higher Education. I think that this would be a great resource for alumni and undergraduates when it comes time to network.

DAN DARCY
TAMPA '88

Great minds think alike! Over 10,000 SigEps recently agreed to participate in Mentors—a new mentoring and networking program. To learn more, turn to page 12, or visit SigEp's website. ★

Lost Address

Often wondered why I never heard anything from the national organization. Just saw a copy of the list of brothers [1998 SigEp Alumni Directory] and noted my address was unknown. Would love to get back on the mailing list and roster. Wow! There are a lot of brothers around the world. Appreciate the effort in putting the document together. Thanks.

WARREN HILLMER
WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT '70

If you happen to move, please keep the SigEp Alumni Association informed of your whereabouts. And, if you know a member who is not receiving the Journal, chances are we do not have his correct address. Please contact the SigEp Alumni Association and we will gladly update the membership record and renew the subscription to the Journal. ★

Chapter Closings

It is a very sad commentary on the continual chapter closings. Our fraternity makes claims to its greatness. Chapter closings are indications of failure. Save the chapter before the boat sinks. I am too old to help. You all need to rectify the problem. Quit expanding and start upgrading.

MICHAEL CURRAN
MISSISSIPPI '64

To learn more about SigEps standards, philosophy behind closing chapters, expansion efforts, and success when returning to a campus, please turn to page 16. Your interest and involvement will ensure SigEp's success. ★



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From SigEp's Executive Director

Dear Brothers & Friends:

Alcohol continues to be a significant, if not the largest and most complex, issue facing the college campus. Many fraternities are examining ways to impact the alcohol abuse problem.

SigEp is taking a holistic approach toward the reduction of alcohol and other drug use. This approach works to create a positive personal experience for each member while encouraging responsible choices throughout SigEp.

At the SigEp Grand Chapter Conclave in August of 1997, undergraduate delegates voted in favor of "supporting and encouraging chapters and alumni boards to vote locally in favor of alcohol-free housing."

But alcohol-free housing is only part of the solution. Undergraduates in SigEp's chapters that have implemented the Balanced Man Project continue to demonstrate healthier behaviors and attitudes toward alcohol and other drugs.

Our goal is to have lower member consumption and fewer problems associated with alcohol than the average student population. This is an aggressive goal that will require a solution which focuses on a host of environmental factors and students' behavior at all times, in all places.

We ask your help in implementing this important initiative. Together, using this holistic approach, we will be able to achieve the goal of the alcohol initiative.

Faternally,

JACQUES L. VAUCLAIN, III
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Sigma Phi Epsilon's *Alcohol Initiative*

Goal

To have lower member consumption and fewer problems associated with alcohol than the average student population as defined by the Core Survey and the Monitoring the Future Study.

Action Steps: Recruit Quality

Men who excel in and out of the classroom and are focused on a complete education are the men that need to be a part of the SigEp experience. Research shows that students who achieve well academically are less likely to participate in high-risk drinking.

Balanced Man Project

The Balanced Man Project is Sigma Phi Epsilon's four-year development program that meets the changing needs of a young man throughout his college experience rather than focusing on his initial few weeks in a pledging model of development. The Balanced Man Project was recognized for its potential impact on students when it received a \$250,000 grant for the initial implementation from the U.S. Department of Education (FIPSE). Third-party research by Dr. David Anderson from The Center for the Advancement of Public Health at George Mason University indicates that undergraduates in Balanced Man Chapters have healthier attitudes and behaviors toward alcohol

and other drugs. A chapter must vote with 80% of its undergraduate membership to implement the Balanced Man Project as the shift from the pledging model of development to the continuous development model requires a change in the chapter's culture that must have "buy in" from an overwhelming majority of chapter members. Currently, over 50% of SigEp chapters have implemented the Balanced Man Project.

Utilize University and Alumni Resources

Chapters must use the alcohol and other drug education resources available on campus. The health educators on campus are a great resource for programs or to speak with individuals. In addition, SigEp alumni are willing to speak with undergraduates about responsible behavior. From the National Board of Directors, to the Educational Foundation Trustees, to the Board of Governors, to other alumni, there are many local resources available to help chapters address the issue of alcohol.



TIPS Education

SigEp has partnered with Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) to educate over 13,000 undergraduates every two years on the responsible consumption of alcohol and how to care for others. The program will also include education on state and local laws as well as SigEp's risk management policy.

Centers for Excellence

Select SigEp chapters have already upgraded their facilities — providing weight rooms, wiring into the university computer network, and creating attributes that reinforce a positive fraternal environment and build balanced leaders. The program will focus on upgrading SigEp properties to be consistent with the best college and university residential experiences, including technology, study facilities, and recreational areas, thus creating an environment in the facility that reduces the emphasis on alcohol.

Local Choice

Alcohol-Free Housing

To date, 23 SigEp chapters and alumni boards have alcohol-free properties (defined, at a minimum, as no alcohol in the common areas of the facility). Some of these chapters are on campuses where the entire Greek system has made the decision to remove alcohol from Greek housing, others have made a thoughtful and purposeful decision to be leaders on campus and differentiate themselves in a positive way.

Policy and Standards Enforcement

There are laws regarding the consumption of alcohol that must be followed. In addition, SigEp's "Statement on Chapter & Individual Responsibility" passed by undergraduates at the Grand Chapter Conclave in 1989 is a non-negotiable expectation of membership. Individuals and/or chapters that violate these policies and laws are held accountable for their actions. ☆

Fraternities & Sororities Add Value

National research carried out by the Center for Advanced Social Research at the University of Missouri-Columbia produced the following findings:

- ◆ Students who belong to a fraternity or sorority are more likely to stay in college than other students. Membership in a fraternity or sorority increased retention by 28%.
- ◆ College graduates who belong to a fraternity or sorority tend to be more successful financially than other college graduates.
- ◆ Colleges receive more gifts—and in greater amounts—from fraternity and sorority alumni.
- ◆ Student members tend to participate more fully in extracurricular campus activities, in volunteer organizations, charitable activities, and non-profit groups.

Stay Connected:
The SigEp Alumni Association



*"We got to know each other
and became friends. Now we
support one another in life."*

As an undergraduate, you had the opportunity to enhance your college experience through membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Now, there are new opportunities for you to continue your personal and professional development, have fun, foster lifelong friendships, and make a difference in the life of a young man.

The SigEp Alumni Association is establishing District Alumni Associations with metro area groups around the country, and you are invited to join SigEp's effort. As an alumnus, you have the opportunity to start something new and build the positive support our undergraduates need.

SigEp has become America's largest and most popular fraternity, with over 14,000 students on over 260 campuses with over 220,000 initiated members. Why has SigEp been so successful? The answer is simple. SigEp is committed to offering an experience emphasizing the balance of academics, personal development, fun, and service to others.

The SigEp Alumni Association offers participants:

- Lifelong friends.
- Connections with area alumni.
- Emphasis on personal and professional development.
- An opportunity to mentor and be involved with undergraduates.
- Leadership skills with sensitivity to other obligations.
- A chance to help others by giving back to the community.

Specifically, the SigEp Alumni Association is seeking alumni with the following:

- Other civic or professional involvements.
- A belief in the value of working with youth.
- An interest in higher education.
- Good organizational, leadership, and communication skills.
- A commitment to SigEp's mission, values, and goals.
- A willingness to move forward in the hope of accomplishment.

The SigEp Alumni Association

Nearly every college or university has one—an alumni association to keep alumni connected to the activities of their alma mater and to provide support to the institution. Now, Sigma Phi Epsilon is following suit with the creation of the SigEp Alumni Association. Whatever your interest, wherever you live, you now have a chance to get involved.

Opportunities abound for you to interact with other SigEps who live in your metropolitan area, with SigEps from your own chapter, and as a mentor to SigEp's undergraduates (see Mentors story on page 12). All you need to do is decide how you'd like to be involved.

The SigEp Alumni Association was created to support the undergraduate experience. To that end, the SigEp Alumni Association is aimed at building relationships with SigEp's alumni to re-involve these members in SigEp and the Educational Foundation. Alumni who participate benefit with professional mentoring and networking opportunities, a continued connection to SigEp after graduation, a continued chance to foster lifetime friendships, and the knowledge that they are taking full advantage of the lifetime experience SigEp provides.

While the SigEp Alumni Association may provide members the chance for interaction—participation is supposed to be fun—the SigEp Alumni Association is fundamentally focused on helping SigEp achieve its mission of “Building Balanced Leaders for America's Communities.” Alumni interested in supporting this mission should consider being involved.

The SigEp Alumni Association is composed of three key programs: District Alumni Associations, Chapter Alumni Association, and *Mentors*.

District Alumni Associations

A District Alumni Association, headed by a District Governor, is organized geographically so that all SigEps living within a defined area have a chance to interact with other SigEps from different chapter experiences. Within each district, metro area associations are being established in the main population centers. Each District Governor has selected a target area for this year. If you live in one of these areas and are interested in being involved or would like more information about other metro areas, please refer to the District Map and Contact Information, or contact the SigEp Alumni Association at (804) 353-1901 or via e-mail at alumni@sigephq.org.

Chapter Alumni Associations

Chapter Alumni Associations are organized by chapter of undergraduate affiliation. Chapter Alumni Associations organize annual alumni events, coordinate a regular newsletter with a focus on alumni news, and conduct other activities as needed. Participation in a chapter alumni association is not contingent on location because all of these activities can be conducted remotely. For more information on how to participate in a chapter alumni association, call (804)

353-1901 or write via e-mail at alumni@sigeiphq.org, and watch for more information on this component of the SigEp Alumni Association in the Spring, 1999 issue of the *SigEp Journal*.

Mentors

Mentors is SigEp's most exciting new program. Over 10,000 alumni have agreed to participate in this remarkable new endeavor. *Mentors* is SigEp's mentoring and networking program. It is a nationwide network of alumni who are willing to help SigEps with information, contacts, and referrals. The program also includes those who are willing to provide a young man encouragement, friendship, and role modeling as he enters a career. For more information, see page 12.

Spotlight: A District Alumni Association is Born

In 1991, Conrad Eberstein (Pennsylvania '65) traveled from New York City to attend the Washington, D.C. Conclave (the first SigEp convention he had attended since 1965). There he met soon-to-be Grand President Bruce Hasenkamp (Dartmouth '60) and learned that SigEp had recently established the New York Rho Chapter at St. John's University. The new alumni board needed invigorating and Hasenkamp encouraged Eberstein to get involved. Together with Paul Litcher (Indiana Tech '88) who was volunteering with the chapter, the two began to develop alumni involvement.

Concurrently, Vito Fossella (Pennsylvania '87) suggested organizing all the Penn graduates living in the New York City area (see Fossella story on page 20, Spring, 1998 issue) and through his drive and determination demonstrated that such a group could be successful.



District Governor Patrick Farrell (SUNY-Fredonia '86) took the lead and broadened the scope to organize all SigEps in the New York City area. These currents combined to form a cogent, energetic alumni organization including other notable SigEps such as Scott Baxter (Buffalo State '84), CEO of ICon CMT Corporation, major supporter of SigEp's technology efforts, and a 1997 SigEp Citation recipient.



Now, several years later the New York Metro Area Alumni Association including the alumni volunteers from St. Johns, Hofstra, Adelphi, NYU, and now Columbia, among others, is prospering.

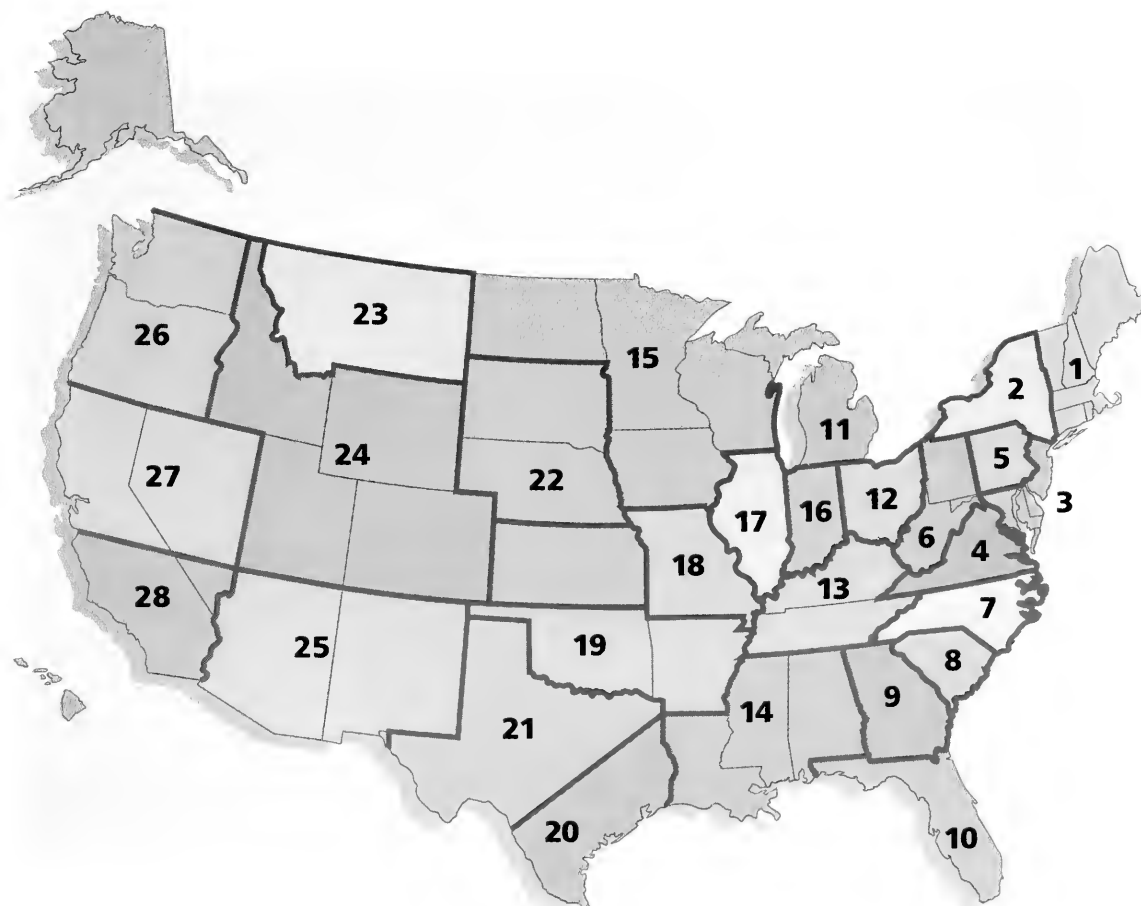
SigEps in the New York Metro Area Alumni Association plan a variety of activities annually to fit every interest. From participating in New York Cares Day as a part of Project America, to celebrating Founders Day at an annual dinner, from the District Governor Softball Tournament, to volunteer education weekends, this area association provides a model for others to follow.

"We got to know each other and became friends. Now we support one another in life," explained District Governor Pat Farrell.

Farrell explained that the focus of the alumni association is not to relive old times.

"We have a focus on helping each other and the undergraduates. We're friends, and we're looking to the future." ★

All you need to do is decide how you'd like to be involved.



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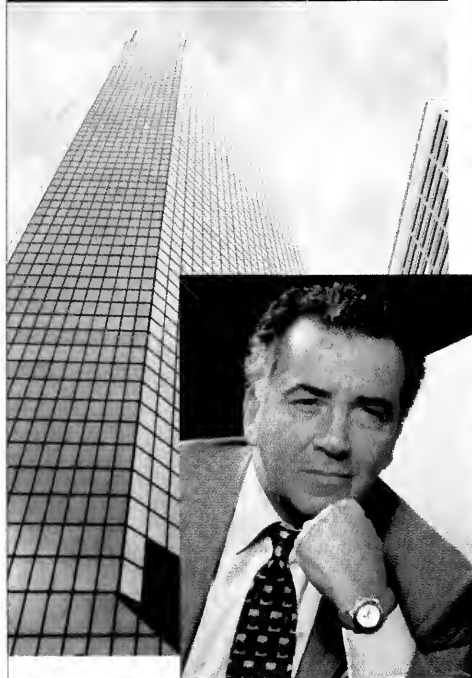
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Mentors



Bill Tragos

Balanced Man & Mentor



From his 38th floor office above New York's South Street Seaport, Bill Tragos (Washington University '56) heads a \$3.5 billion ad agency he helped create in 1970. That company, TBWA Worldwide, is widely respected for its work with such companies as Nissan, Taco Bell, Energizer, Apple Computers, Absolut Vodka, and Levis to name a few.

Brother Tragos, a past National Director and current member of the Educational Foundation's Board of Governors, is now making time for a new role—that of a mentor.

Tragos said, "I'm participating in the program because I believe mentoring is a means of ensuring my future and SigEp's strength. SigEp's undergraduates will soon be leaders in our communities. We owe it to them. We owe it to ourselves."



SigEps met to celebrate the start of Mentors. Over 500 SigEps are participating in the New York area.

10,000 SigEps!

Program Begins...

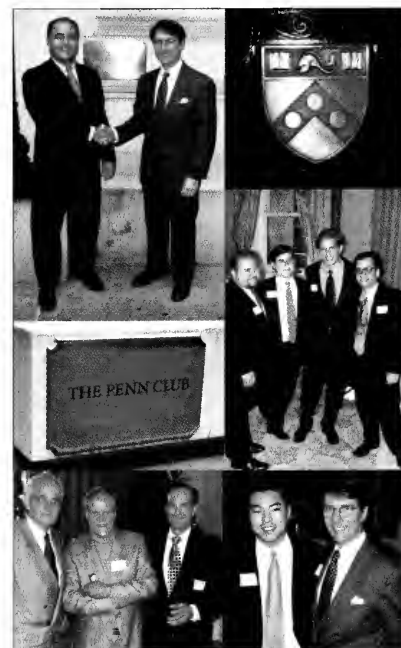
SigEp's in New York gathered at The Penn Club for the official launch of *Mentors*—SigEp's mentoring and networking program.



The event was sponsored by the New York Metro Alumni Association in conjunction with the SigEp Alumni Association. *Mentors* is a program the SigEp Alumni Association created to help members with career development. Since its inception in the fall of 1997, over 10,000 SigEps have accepted the invitation to join in this exciting program—an unparalleled response!

Participants from the New York area were invited to the special reception which featured remarks from Bruce Schnitzer, member of both SigEp's National Board of Directors and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation's Board of Trustees. Schnitzer is the current Chairman of Wand Partners, and the Past President and CEO of Marsh & McLennan.

One SigEp commented that the event was "effective and efficient." Ron Kaniuk (Northwestern '93) said, "Congratulations! The *Mentors* reception was excellent!"



If you wish to join in *Mentors*, please complete the form, or visit SigEp's website. You will receive confirmation and details in the mail. By participating, we're simply seeking your help with the development of our members. *Mentors* is an easy way to be involved and support SigEp. Everyone has something valuable to offer.

Mentors

"To foster, promote, and help..."

Sigma Phi Epsilon's Mentoring & Networking Program



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Company: _____ Job Title: _____

- ☐ I would like to mentor other SigEps. Please add my name, mentoring information, and career field to the **Mentors** program. I understand that this information may be released to any SigEp who requests the information for this purpose.
- ☐ I would also like to volunteer for a SigEp chapter. Please send me more information about chapters in my area that may be in need of additional volunteer support.
- ☐ I am not interested in mentoring or volunteering at this time. Please use this information to update my membership profile. I understand that this information will not be released without my permission.

Career Codes & Career Fields

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01.02 Visual Arts
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01.04 Performing: Music
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01.06 Graphic Arts/ Crafts
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02 Scientific

02.01 Physical Sciences
02.02 Life Sciences
02.03 Medical Sciences
02.04 Laboratory Technology

03 Plants & Animals

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03.02 General Supervision
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03.04 Elemental Work

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04.02 Security Services

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05.02 Managerial: Mechanical
05.03 Engineering Technology
05.04 Air/Water Operation
05.05 Trades & Crafts
05.06 Systems Operation
05.07 Quality Control
05.08 Land/Water Operation
05.09 Material Control
05.10 Construction
05.11 Equipment Operation
05.12 Elemental: Mechanical

06 Industrial

06.01 Production Technology
06.02 Production Work
06.03 Quality Control
06.04 Elemental: Industrial
06.05 Architecture & Design

07 Business Detail

07.01 Administrative Detail
07.02 Accounting
07.03 Financial Detail

07.04 Communications
07.05 Records Processing
07.06 Clerical Machining
07.07 Clerical Handling

08 Selling

08.01 Technical Sales
08.02 General Sales
08.03 Vending Sales
08.04 Conceptual Sales

09 Accommodating

09.01 Hospitality Services
09.02 Passenger Services
09.03 Customer Services
09.04 Attendant Services

10 Humanitarian

10.01 Social Services
10.02 Nursing & Therapy
10.03 Child & Adult Care

11 Leading-Influencing

11.01 Analysis & Statistics
11.02 Educational Services

11.03 Social Research
11.04 Legal & Judicial
11.05 Business Administration
11.06 Finance
11.07 Services Administration
11.08 Communications
11.09 Promotions
11.10 Regulations Enforcement
11.11 Business Management
11.12 Contracts & Claims

12 Physical Performing

12.01 Sports
12.02 Managing & Promoting

13 Technology

13.01 Management Systems
13.02 Programming
13.03 Research & Design
13.04 Technical Support

14 Governmental

14.01 Elected Officials & Staff
14.05 Armed Forces
14.06 Lobbyist/Activist

Une Journée Extraordinaire

For many in France, the arrival of Patton's Third Army took place in the person of Hugh Harter.

On August 13, 1944, Hugh A. Harter (Ohio State '47) stepped out of a jeep and into the hearts of *la France profonde*.

Brother Harter, then 22, was a non-commissioned officer in military intelligence attached to the XII Corps of Patton's Third Army and to the 4th Armored Division in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge). He landed at Utah Beach in early July, 1944, and originally was stationed near Patton's secret headquarters in the hedgerow fields near Nehou.

"We then moved south to the Avranches area where the famous Patton Breakthrough at Pontaubaud Bridge took place," Harter said. "This

was the true beginning of the liberation of France."

Harter was part of a six-man military intelligence team that had the risky assignment of moving ahead of the main

force to report on enemy troop movements, make contact with Resistance leaders, round up collaborators and begin to re-establish civil government. He was among the first Americans to be greeted by a grateful French people whose cities were in the process of being liberated after four years of German occupation.

Moving from Le Mans to Vendome, Harter's

team arrived in Saint Calais on August 13. Two members of the team, including Harter, and two members of a counter-intelligence team then pushed on to the city of Blois on the evening of August 16. The city's streets were deserted, but they finally spotted a Resistance fighter crouched on the terrace of the castle of Blois. While his three comrades stayed in jeeps guarding three collaborators, Harter bounded up the terrace of the great chateau amid incoming mortar and machine-gun fire. He then was conducted to the headquarters of the general staff of the local Resistance, which occupied a farm at Villebarou.

Harter and a teammate were the only members of the team who could speak French. So Harter quickly captured a special place in the hearts of a people who had waited four years to welcome their first American. He has returned to visit many times, beginning in 1947.

The relationship between the people of Saint Calais and Blois and their "liberator" recently evolved into an especially meaningful occasion. On August 16, 1998, in elaborate ceremonies commemorating the 54th anniversary of its liberation, Saint Calais changed the name of its centuries-old Avenue de Vendome to "Avenue Hugh A. Harter." Dedication of the avenue was "an extraordinary day, even if, from the bottom of my heart, I do not merit it," said Harter in charac-



1944: Staff Sgt. Hugh Harter, above, in Saint Calais on August 14, 1944 with Nicole Chesneau and her brother Guy.

1994: Hugh Harter, Nicole and Guy 50 years later on the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville where the 1944 photo was taken.

1998: Hugh Harter rode in a 1944 jeep during a parade through Saint Calais.



teristic modesty. "I was not a hero and if I accept this honor, it is representative of all those who experienced this history. It is not the individual one honors, it is the symbol."

Honorary citizenship has been conferred on Harter by Saint Calais, as well as by Saint-Marie-du Mont in Normandy. Blois plans to honor Harter in 1999, with ceremonies similar to those in Saint Calais this year.

Harter kept meticulous records of his tour of duty in Europe and he used these notes in writing "D'Utah Beach aux Ardennes," published by the University Press of France in 1996. The book's preface is by Helen Patton Plusczyk, General Patton's granddaughter. An English version, "Return to Patton's France, 1944's Odyssey Retraced," will be released this fall by Janus Publishing Company, London.

An interest in and facility with French and other languages began for Brother Harter before World War II during his freshman year at Ohio Wesleyan. "Thanks to my professors of French, I learned to love France and could not wait to discover it," he says. He subsequently earned a bachelor's degree with a French major (cum laude) from Ohio State, a master's (cum laude) from Mexico City College (now University of the Americas), and a doctorate from Ohio State.

He taught Spanish and French languages and literatures and the humanities for 40 years and for 14 years was chairman of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at Ohio Wesleyan. He is today president of Horizons for Learning, Inc. and co-administrator, with Dr. Robert Selby of AHA International, of Cursos España-USA, Segovia, Spain where Harter directed a junior year abroad program for 28 years. He has written many books and authoritative translations, and has a deep interest in watercolors (he originally wanted to be an artist), jazz piano and song lyrics. ★

More Than 7,000 SigEps Served in World War II

On December 1, 1943, Ted Malone (Florida '46) became SigEp's 25,000th brother. The *Journal* noted his initiation and reported that of the 25,000 brothers as of that date, fully 30 percent—more than 7,000—had answered the call to the colors. The *Journal* in those days was full of stories about heroism, promotions, exploits on the home front, courage on the battlefield, brothers missing in action, and SigEps who had joined the Eternal Chapter in the line of duty.

Americans followed the advancing Allied armies through the dispatches of Associated Press war correspondent Hal Boyle (Missouri '32) who lived in the foxholes of Africa, Sicily and Europe to get front line stories of soldiers in their own words.

Lt. Cmdr. Harry C. Butcher (Iowa State '25) served as personal aide to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow (VMI '11) commanded U.S. field forces in Britain as they primed for the Normandy invasion. He then led the First Army's 5th Corps in Normandy and commanded the 15th Army when it crossed the Rhine into Germany.

In the Pacific Theater there were SigEps such as Lt. Frank F. Angier (Johns Hopkins '38). A fighter pilot, he was forced to bail out twice over New Guinea. The first time he miraculously escaped a Japanese Zero's machine-gun fire as he floated downward.

SigEps also experienced extraordinary losses in the Pacific Theater. One chapter alone, New Mexico Alpha, lost 10 of its members on Bataan and as prisoners of war in the Bataan Death March in the early days of the war.

In Europe during the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944, a SigEp scribbled out eight words that will be remembered forever in the annals of World War II and in the history of the U.S. Army. The Germans, in their last major offensive, had surrounded Bastogne, a vital crossroads in the central Ardennes, and demanded surrender of the defending U.S. 101st Airborne Division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe (West Virginia '20). Upon receiving the ultimatum, General McAuliffe took out a piece of paper and scrawled:

"To the German Commander:

NUTS!

—The American Commander"

General McAuliffe's orders were to "Hold at all costs," and this the 101st did, even though ammunition and supplies were nearly exhausted.

Probably no SigEp made a more strategic contribution to Allied victory in World War II, than James V. Forrestal (Dartmouth '11). As Undersecretary of the Navy and as Secretary of the Navy, he spearheaded a massive crusade that converted the antiquated U.S. Navy into the largest and finest fleet in the world. He later became the nation's first Secretary of Defense.



Forrestal



McAuliffe



Past, Present, and Future—Hitched Together by a Star of Hope

How Expansion Defines SigEp

As one of the founders of our Fraternity, I have watched with pride its wonderful growth from a small struggling local at Richmond College to its present position, with chapters in most of the leading colleges and universities of America, and with thousands of alumni scattered throughout practically the entire world... The founders had little idea as to what was to be the result of their efforts, but they had high hopes and high ideals, and they "hitched their wagon to a star."

THOMAS T. WRIGHT, FOUNDER,
RICHMOND '03
JOURNAL OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON,
SILVER JUBILEE ISSUE, 1926

Past & Present Come Together

Now, as then, Sigma Phi Epsilon is guided by the same high hopes and high ideals of its founders. Today, with nearly 14,000 undergraduate members on over 26 campuses, SigEp is a recognized leader in the fraternity world for its innovative programs, solid standards, and focus on the future. Since 1901, over 220,000 men have become

brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. With approximately 170,000 living members, the opportunity to achieve SigEp's mission of "Building Balanced Leaders for America's Communities" is better than ever. And, while many of SigEps customs and symbols have evolved over the years, the organization remains guided by the Cardinal Principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Coupled with the concept of the Balanced Man—Leader, Scholar, Athlete, and Gentleman—Sigma Phi Epsilon is moving forward in the hope of accomplishment.



Since SigEp's formative years, our expansion policy has been richly debated as it shapes the direction and future of the organization.

To consider what SigEp is to be, we must also consider what SigEp is not to be. In the past decade, the National Board of Directors has voted to close over 50 chapters that did not meet SigEp's standards or expectations. The reasons for these charter withdrawals vary but can be summarized as the result of hazing, dangerous use of alcohol or drugs, insufficient manpower, financial indebtedness, or other inappropriate behaviors. Closing a chapter is never an easy decision, and it is only made after a significant effort has been given to save the chapter.

Perhaps the most unfortunate aspect of all is the fact that the undergraduate membership—the custodian of the charter—at the time of the closing is no reflection of the chapter's rich history and the strength of its alumni ranks. More often than not, the alumni volunteers—if there are volunteers involved—concur that the chapter should be closed. For this reason, SigEp is dedicated to returning to dormant campuses when the opportunity is right. SigEp is committed to its alumni, and by working in partnership with a college or university to close a troubled chapter, SigEp is able to secure the right to return.

An Eye to the Future

Some members are concerned that closing a chapter is a sign of failure—of the undergraduates, of the Headquarters staff, and of the alumni. Perhaps it is. And, many argue it is a sign of greatness. Our Ritual reminds us that to espouse high ideals is to invite many failures to attain them. But know, too, that to espouse no ideals is to become a cynic without principle.

SigEp distinguishes itself in the Greek world by upholding its standards while remaining the leader in manpower, academics, volunteer involvement, membership development, staff support, foundation giving, and a host of other measurable indicators.

Because SigEp both espouses and upholds high standards, we are also able to work in partnership with the colleges and universities that host, or soon will host, our chapters. As a result, we are able to return to campuses—unlike many fraternities—and reestablish quality groups that will live according to our values and principles and be a credit to the alumni who have come before them.

Closing chapters is not new. In fact, four of SigEp's original five chapters were dormant by 1905. Then, as now, chapters that chose not to live according to SigEp's ideals were removed from the fold. SigEp's aggressive

expansion program allows the organization to hold all of its chapters to a high standard—cognizant that no chapter is above SigEp's expectations, not even our founding chapter at the University of Richmond.

A Successful Plan to Guide Us

SigEp's expansion policy, as defined by the National Board of Directors, is to be growth-oriented, concentrating SigEp's resources at specific sites. These are categorized as campuses where SigEp has a *dormant chapter*, colleges and universities with *highly selective admissions criteria*, nationally recognized campuses that compete in *top-level NCAA athletic divisions* with large and/or competitive Greek systems, and schools that present a *special opportunity* to benefit SigEp.



Sigma Epsilon Chapters

Boston University *
 Bucknell University *
 Carnegie Mellon University *
 Columbia University
 Moravian College
 Rider University
 Southeast Missouri State University *
 Syracuse University *
 Tennessee Technological University *
 Tennessee Wesleyan College *
 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
 Texas Christian University *
 University of Arkansas *
 University of California-Davis *
 University of Georgia *
 University of Illinois *
 University of Memphis *
 University of Michigan *
 University of San Diego
 University of Vermont *
 University of Wisconsin-Platteville

* Indicates a dormant chapter

With the expansion criteria in mind, SigEp has been successful in its return to a variety of campuses across the country. After a period of dormancy in which SigEp waits for all former undergraduate members to graduate (and thus clear the slate for a fresh start on campus), SigEp is now beginning to cycle back to a number of important schools. In the last several years SigEp has re-chartered chapters at Kentucky, Wyoming, Austin Peay State, Samford, South Florida, Nevada-Reno, and Lehigh.

Among the criteria to be chartered are:

- *Have a GPA above the all-campus average and above a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.* SigEp members should perform better academically than the average student on campus. Scholastic performance also ensures that the chapter is providing its members a quality experience and meeting the college or university's academic mission.
- *Have a manpower level in the top quartile on campus and a minimum of 40 members (excluding seniors).* This level of membership provides the chapter with the resources it needs to function successfully.
- *Operate for a minimum of one calendar year.* By operating for this period of time, at a minimum, the chapter sees the necessary transition of officers, the operation of the Balanced Man Project, and the regular flow of other chapter activities.
- *Have an incorporated, not-for-profit, property-holding alumni corporation responsible for monitoring chapter finances and meeting monthly at the chapter.* For a chapter to be successful over time, it must have volunteers actively involved who provide stability and guidance.

These and other chartering criteria are designed to ensure the chapter's prominence on campus at the time of chartering and for many years to come. Experience has shown that a chapter which achieves these criteria will remain strong given good, consistent volunteer support, and the educated, appropriate involvement of alumni.

New Opportunities

While SigEp has been successful re-establishing chapters, SigEp has also been successful expanding to new campuses such as Denison, Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine, Alaska, and the University of San Diego, to name only a few. Opportunities to establish chapters on campuses such as these are created by the reputation SigEp has developed in the Higher Education community as an organization of action—one that stands by its principles and upholds its standards. As an example, when SigEp was working to return to Samford University in Alabama, the administration called 15 different Greek advisors at schools around the country where SigEp was represented. Fifteen of fifteen recommended bringing SigEp to campus. Many administrators want SigEp on campus because of the Headquarters staff's responsiveness and SigEp's innovative programming such as the Balanced Man Project.

In the Fall of 1996, SigEp started a new chapter at Columbia University, an Ivy League school in New York City. The chapter is now over 40 men strong with a chapter GPA exceeding a 3.30. For their efforts and the positive

Changing Attitudes, Changing Lives

After only one year, members of SigEp's chapter at Loyola Marymount University celebrated receiving a charter. California Chi was installed with top manpower of 48 members and top grades with a 3.09 GPA. The chapter has now grown to over 55 men and maintains a GPA above a 3.20. California Chi is setting an example of quality for its campus.



Our chapter was chartered March 1, 1997 after a 13-month colonization period. We were instilled with the belief that our chapter should not settle for anything less than 100% of its potential. One of the first obstacles we set out to overcome was the problem of alcohol on our campus.

Loyola Marymount is a small Jesuit school in Southern California. Before our chapter was started we had chapters of several other large

national fraternities on campus. Just before SigEp was started, one fraternity was suspended for five years due to multiple infractions (many alcohol-related). I can't help but think that SigEp was seen by the school's administration as their "replacement." Needless to say, we did not receive the warmest of welcomes. We were not permitted to participate in Greek week and were not even pictured in the yearbook the first year. We pressed on, keeping in mind the words left by Clayton Funk, the expansion director at the time, "Don't try to bad-mouth the other fraternities. Simply work hard to make your chapter the best, and it will soon be perceived as such."

Our "crusade," so to speak, centered on alcohol awareness and academics. Because alcohol was closely associated with rush week, we also promoted our non-rushing philosophy [The chapter concentrates on year-round recruitment rather than a formalized "rush" period.] and made sure to aggressively promote the Balanced Man Project and Balanced Man Scholarship.

Last month, I graduated from LMU...convinced that we had, indeed, become the top fraternity on campus. We are involved in every aspect of campus life, and are improving our image with every passing day. I finally saw our chapter operating as

I believe a fraternity should run. To sum it all up, we have tried consistently, whether it be through programs, speakers, or events, to promote our views, principles, and ideals on every aspect of fraternal and campus life.

We also focused on academics. It is difficult to assess the impact that our efforts have had on each member of our chapter, but I can speak for myself when I say that SigEp had everything to do with my academic improvement at LMU.

Only one year after joining SigEp I earned my first 4.0 of my life—a big improvement from the 2.7 that I earned my first semester of college. Now, I have graduated and will be attending medical school in the fall. In addition, our chapter president will also be attending medical school. In all, five people from the entire university were accepted into medical school, and I consider it an enormous accomplishment that two of them were SigEps.

*Fraternally,
Christian Young,
Loyola Marymount, '98*



contributions the chapter is making to the campus, Columbia University recently awarded Columbia SEC housing in one of the school's historic brownstones.

One example of the chapter's impact is Columbia's first-ever Community Outreach Day. Close to 900 students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members turned out to participate in over 40 service projects throughout Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. The projects included construction work, park clean-ups, gardening, and support of a volunteer AIDS organization.

With the endorsement and support of Project America—SigEp's national service learning initiative—Allan Ng set out to help his community. Allan, SigEp and Co-Chair for the event, along with a steering committee of approximately 30 people—mostly other SigEps—and a staff of nearly 100 organized the event which included a rally led by Columbia University President George Rupp.

Rupp commented, "There are a lot of great ideas on this campus, but what is important is that this idea [Community Outreach Day] has been put into practice."

Following the event and extensive press coverage, one letter to the editor stated, "Periodically in history, an event will occur that everyone knows will change or at least influence the way things are done in the future. At Columbia, one can look back to the protests of the '60s or the ethnic studies protests of the early '90s as such examples. While protests are often needed, they seldom recall an image of truly constructive behavior. The Columbia Community Outreach Day, in contrast, should be remembered in Columbia's history for its ability to harness student desire for change in a constructive and efficient manner."

Through expansion SigEp is achieving its mission of "Building Balanced Leaders for America's Communities."

SigEp

Recruitment Recommendation

"Let us not deny a man the opportunity to be a SigEp because we failed to find him."

— Gary Griffith, Past Grand President

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

College/University: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Recommendation

Full Name: _____

College/University: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Academics & Activities

Year in College: ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ Other

High School Attended: _____

High School GPA: _____

Class Size: _____ Rank: _____ SAT/ACT: _____

College Attended: _____

College GPA: _____

Interests & Hobbies: _____

Honors & Activities: _____

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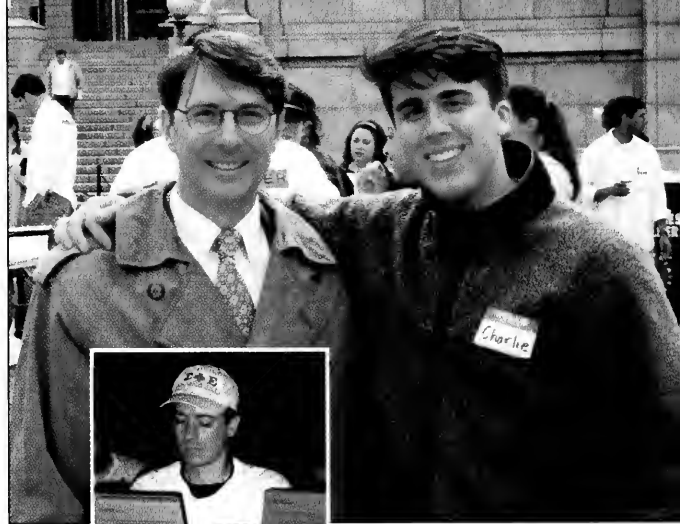
Parent/Guardian: _____

SigEp Relatives: _____

Greek-affiliated Relatives: _____

Your Acquaintance: ☐ Family ☐ Friend ☐ Other

Interested in Joining a Fraternity: ☐ Yes ☐ No



That was Then, This is Now

Each new chapter that SigEp starts is begun with the *Balanced Man Project* as its membership development model. In a Balanced Man Chapter, there is no pledging. All members join as equals and have expectations to fulfill from the time they join until the time they graduate. Along the way, members experience SigEp's Ritual through a series of Rites of Passage. This model holds true for all members, whether they join the initial start-up group, or at any time in the future.

Consistent with SigEp's founding, there is only one class of membership in a Balanced Man Chapter. Just as in the early days of our history, upon accepting an invitation to join Sigma Phi Epsilon a man was considered a brother from the start. It wasn't until later in SigEp's history that the notion of pledging developed.

By creating a new, four-year model for membership development, SigEp is able to attract a higher caliber student. Many students today are turned off by the perception of fraternities with its image of pledging, paddling, servitude, "Animal House," and alcohol abuse. Instead, the Balanced Man Project focuses on individual leadership development throughout the college experience. The aim is for SigEp's members to be better prepared for life after graduation. Consequently, programs like the Balanced Man Project and *Mentors* provide valuable support in SigEp's efforts.

The *Balanced Man Scholarship* is also an important factor in SigEp's approach to expansion and chapter operations. The Balanced Man Scholarship provides SigEp the chance to honor the best students coming to campus with a financial reward. It impacts students and parents alike by changing perceptions about SigEp's priorities. SigEp has begun using the Balanced Man Scholarship as a means of introducing itself to a campus—either after a period of dormancy or the first time out.

What is the *Balanced Man Scholarship*? As an example, at the University of Northern Iowa the chapter sends applications to all 1,000 incoming freshmen men. From there, the chapter receives approximately 150

applications that are narrowed down to 50 or so finalists. The chapter then interviews those 50 finalists in their homes, and based on a combination of the interview and the application, selects a winner. Lastly, the winner and finalists are invited with their parents to an awards banquet where a formal presentation is made.

As David Friederichs, Vice President of Programming for Iowa Theta, put it, "The whole point of the Balanced Man Scholarship is to introduce to these men what fraternity life is really about—leadership, scholarship, athletics, and gentlemanly behavior—before they get to campus and develop negative stereotypes. It's also an excellent opportunity to inform parents about what Greek life is really like. We always try to have parents sit in on our interviews. I've never done an interview where parents were knowledgeable about Greek life—either they had the stereotype in their heads or they knew nothing at all. Most parents are so surprised that a fraternity would offer a scholarship that they ask questions and their perception of fraternity life changes."

Building Our Future

Virtue—to behave with decency as befits the day. Too often alumni return to a new chapter eager to help but full of stories and ideas about SigEp that are

no longer appropriate to today's college environment. Become informed. The active involvement of alumni is the key to the long-term success of SigEp's expansion program—so long as that involvement is educated and appropriate. Alumni are the role models our undergraduate members need to be successful. Stories that express the value of fraternalism, the spirit of camaraderie, and tangible measures of success such as academic performance and manpower help our members achieve. Stories of antics, pledging, and parties—while colorful and memorable as they may be—ought to be shared with fellow alumni at another time. Your involvement is needed today.

Sigma Phi Epsilon lives by its timeless principles when it holds chapters accountable for their decisions and performance. Occasionally, that means closing a chapter, mindful of the future opportunity to return. Preferably, that means rewarding a chapter for improvement and good performance. SigEp prefers to recognize its chapters for the good things they do. Ideally, that means awarding all SigEp chapters for outstanding, consistent achievement with a Buchanan Cup—SigEp's top chapter award.

Through expansion SigEp is defined, reinvigorated, and renewed. As Brother Wright stated in the 1926 Journal, SigEp remains guided by high hopes and high ideals "hitched" to a star. ★

Be Involved

Opportunities abound for you to help and for you to benefit by being involved.

- **Balanced Man Project.** It's a new, unique model for membership development. For more information please contact Mike Carlone, Director of the Balanced Man Project, at extension 325 or via e-mail at carlone@sigephq.org, or Mark Wenrick, Director of the Balanced Man Project, at extension 330 or via e-mail at wenrick@sigephq.org.
- **Mentors.** It's a simple, easy, and effective way to be involved in SigEp's future. We're seeking your help with the development of our members through mentoring and networking. Please contact Nathan Gamble, Director of SigEp Alumni Association, at extension 324 or via e-mail at gamble@sigephq.org.
- **Alumni Board or Chapter Counselor.** Be involved on an alumni board for a chapter. This is probably the single, most important area of support a chapter receives from alumni. Please contact Jack Donohew, Director of Volunteers & Chapter Development, at extension 322 or via e-mail at donohew@sigephq.org.
- **Balanced Man Scholarship.** Help endow a chapter's *Balanced Man Scholarship* through the Educational Foundation. The key to a chapter running this program effectively starts with having the money to offer the scholarship. Please contact Jesse Diaz, Director of Volunteers & Chapter Development, at extension 320 or via e-mail at diaz@sigephq.org.
- **Educational Foundation.** Sigma Phi Epsilon's Educational Foundation provides the organization with generous support of its programs and activities. That support

is only possible when alumni give to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation—such as for the *Balanced Man Scholarship*. Please contact Chuck White, President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, at extension 319 or via e-mail at cw@freedomnet.com.

- **SigEp Alumni Association.** Stay connected and informed about SigEp today through the *SigEp Journal*. Watch for opportunities to re-connect with SigEp locally. Help start or support your chapter's alumni association. Keep the SigEp Alumni Association informed of your whereabouts and help other SigEps keep in contact as well. Please call Nathan Gamble, Director of SigEp Alumni Association, at extension 324 or via e-mail at gamble@sigephq.org.
- **Recruitment Recommendation.** Do you know someone who is or will be attending
- college? Is he SigEp material—a leader, scholar, athlete, and gentleman? Does he have "character and brains"? If so, please use the accompanying form to recommend potential members. Recruitment is SigEp's lifeblood. Your support helps ensure that SigEp will attract the best men. Please contact Scott Alford, Director of Volunteers & Chapter Development, at extension 321 or via e-mail at alford@sigephq.org.
- **Expansion Support.** If you're interested in SigEp's expansion plans, please contact Ryan Brennan, Director of New Chapter Development at extension 326 or via e-mail at brennan@sigephq.org.

For all other inquiries, please call Headquarters at (804) 353-1901, and your call will be directed to the appropriate person, or write via e-mail to hq@sigephq.org, or visit SigEp's website at <http://www.sigep.org>.



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'98 MBA Goes Into Business — For Himself

When Chris Jarvis (Rhode Island '92) graduated in June from the Anderson School at UCLA, MBA degree in hand, he did not join an investment bank or an international consulting firm like many of his classmates.

The 28-year-old SigEp turned down many lucrative offers to spend time working on two firms he co-founded during school: TriArc Advisors,



a national network of financial planners and asset protection experts that works primarily with doctors and business owners, and Guardian Publishing, a creator of educational (CME) materials and programs for

physicians groups, HMOs and pharmaceutical companies.

"I actually came back (to school) to become a management consultant," Jarvis said. "I thought I'd work for a big firm such as McKinsey or BCG. But when I went back to Boston and interviewed with about 20 Anderson alumni who were consultants, I found 90 percent of them to hate their jobs—most of them were doing it for the money. I thought, 'Maybe this (career choice) isn't such a good idea.'"

Jarvis' entrepreneurial spirit has caught the attention of the media, especially since major firms today pay big hiring bonuses and incentives. He has been featured in articles in the *Los Angeles Business Journal* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Being an entrepreneur, Jarvis says, "is where the fun is." He has authored several books, including "The Asset Protection Handbook: How to Shield Your Business, Investments and Savings from Lawsuits and Other Creditor Threats." His articles on asset protection and financial planning are regularly published in national publications, and his book on retirement and real estate planning should be in bookstores in late 1999. Volunteering at the Carlson Leadership Academies served him well as he is often asked to speak at conventions across the country, most recently at the International College of Surgeons annual meeting in Maui.

SigEp Loses A Giant Frank J. Ruck, Jr. (Michigan '46), former Grand President and architect of the Balanced Man Project, died August 2, 1998 in Boulder, Colorado.

He served as Grand Treasurer for 13 years and was honored with the Order of the Golden Heart in 1987. He served on the board of directors of the National Interfraternity Council (NIC) for more than a decade and became president of the organization in 1994. His years with the NIC saw it become a force in reinventing fraternities.



"Frank's passion for the concept of the Balanced Man in Sigma Phi Epsilon has driven the Fraternity's Balanced Man Project, and it will be his legacy," said Chuck White, President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. "All gifts (in his memory) will be reserved in a special Frank Ruck Endowment for the Balanced Man Project that he started during the Campaign for the Heart."

"There is a portion of a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson that reads 'the pursuit of life is not to be happy, but to be useful,'" Ruck told *SigEp Journal* in a 1994 interview. "What Emerson didn't say, but I think is true, is that when you are useful it makes you incredibly happy," he said.

National, Regional Honorees Robert M. Johnson II (Elon '76) has been named Small Business Person of the Year by the Roanoke Valley (Virginia) Chamber of Commerce. The award is based on business achievements and community involvement.

On the national level, Vice President Al Gore named Mathew "Bud" Fleischer, chairman of Fleischer Manufacturing, Columbus, Nebraska, as runner-up National Small-business Person of the Year in Small Business Week ceremonies at the White House in June. The firm was started in 1945 by Bud Fleischer's father, Leonard Fleischer (Nebraska '36). It originally made tractor seats with shock absorbers to give farmers a bit more of a cushion. Then, in 1959, it began producing conservation-tillage equipment when conservation tillage wasn't cool. Conservation-tillage equipment eliminates the need for plowing before new crops are planted and helps reduce erosion and save time because corn stalks and other crop debris can be left in the field. "(Fleischer Manufacturing) had some lean years as they waited for the world to wake up to the critical importance of conservation," Gore said as he introduced Fleischer. "They are a reminder that economic development and environmental stewardship absolutely, positively go hand in hand."

ARTISTS

Connecticut Alumnus

Two paintings by Luis Antonio Báez (Connecticut '84) have been selected for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's permanent exhibit at its headquarters in Tucson. Brother Báez is also recipient of the 1998 MDA Personal Achievement Award for Washington, D.C.

"Your works ('Nina de Alicante' and 'Piraguas') will illustrate to all that physical disability doesn't diminish creativity," wrote Robert Ross, MDA's executive director. Ross also said that Báez and others chosen as state award recipients in the Personal Achievement Awards program "are terrific role models for and representatives of people with neuromuscular diseases."

"Thirteen years ago I had some doubts about completing a college education," Báez said. "Today



I recognize the impact that Sigma Phi Epsilon has in my life. The brothers of Connecticut Alpha helped me a great deal as we sat in the house working to eliminate my frustrating uncertainty."

FSU House Mother Mary Ogburn Scott, SigEp house mother at Florida State University for 25 years, received recognition this fall with an exhibition of her drawings, etchings and lithographs at 621 Gallery in Tallahassee.

Mrs. Scott, who began to pursue her artistic talents after the death of her husband in 1952, says that "though a primitive artist, and primitive art does not



Nina de Alicante by Báez



Piraguas by Báez

mean untutored in the academic traditions of art, I choose to call myself an 'interpretive expressionist.'" She was honored by the SigEp chapter at FSU with the establishment of the Mary O. Scott Scholarship Award.

SigEp Connection to Russian Royal Family Mystery

The July burial of the remains of Tsar Nicholas II and most of his family reminded some brothers of the SigEp connection to the mystery of Anna Anderson, thought by some to be the Tsar's youngest daughter, Grand Duchess Anastasia Nicolaevna. John Eacott Manahan, a late 1930s graduate of the University of Virginia and a member of SigEp's Virginia Eta chapter at the University, married Anna Anderson in 1963 and spent many years amassing information to prove that she was, in fact, Grand Duchess Anastasia who had escaped the firing squad at Ekaterinburg. Anna Anderson died in 1984 and Brother Manahan died in 1990. Some SigEps still recall the impression the two made when they attended Virginia Eta's 75th anniversary celebration in 1982.

Hollingsworth on "Firing Line" William G.

Hollingsworth (Florida '60), a law professor at the University of Tulsa, is shown here with William F. Buckley, Jr. on the set of "Firing Line."

Brother Hollingsworth appeared on the PBS program to discuss his book, "Ending the Explosion: Population Policies and Ethics for a Humane Future" (Seven Locks Press, 1-800-354-5348).

Hollingsworth's book has been reviewed in two international journals, discussed in a United Nations publication, and has been selected for listing in "New Titles in Bioethics" by the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature at Georgetown University.



Orel Hershisers Heart of Gold

On August 23, 1998 Barry Bonds hit a home run which made him the first player in major league history to hit 400 homers and steal 400 bases. The ball was caught by Joe Sica of Hialeah, Florida. He was offered \$5,000 for the ball, but proceeded to the locker room to give the ball to Bonds. All Sica wanted was an autograph from Bonds and a chance to meet the famous player.

San Francisco Giant's pitcher Orel Hershisers (Bowling Green State '80) saw Sica and learned he had been offered \$5,000 for the ball. "I could see it was a sensitive issue, because his wife had tears in her eyes," Hershisers said. "They were good people who were short of money."

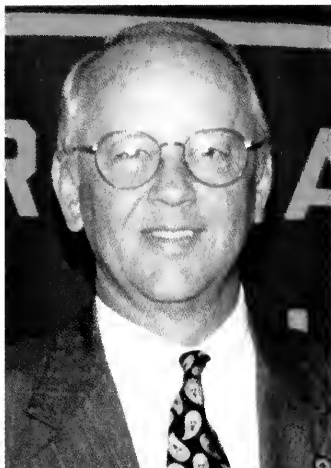
So Hershisers told the traveling secretary of the ball club to write Sica a check for \$5,000 and deduct it from his salary.

Hershisers shows that brotherly love goes beyond the walls of Sigma Phi Epsilon!

HIGHER EDUCATION

Two Presidents

Horace W. Fleming, Jr. (Clemson '65) was inaugurated as the president of the University of Southern Mississippi on April 16. As part of his inaugural address, he pledged to "provide students with an education that reflects rigorous scholarship and teaching. We will prepare them with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values for success in their personal lives, in their life's work, and in their roles as involved citizens."



Earl J. Robinson (Davidson '71) has been named president and professor of Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina. He formerly was executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa. He has published widely in the areas of information systems and applied statistical analysis, has consulted extensively in both public and private sectors, is the recipient of a number of grants, and holds degrees from Bucknell University and the University of Georgia. Active in SigEp affairs, he is the former district governor of District 15, the founding chapter counselor at Saint Joseph's University (Pennsylvania Psi), has served on the National Scholarship Committee and National Committee on University Relations, in multiple Grand Chapter choruses, and on the faculty for Grand Chapter Conclaves and Carlson Leadership Academies.



Huhnke Named Top Fraternity Advisor—For Third Year

For the third year in a row, David Huhnke (Purdue '83), chapter counselor at Purdue, has been named the Outstanding Fraternity Advisor of the Year by the university's Interfraternity Council. Huhnke was chosen based on his continuous involvement and commitment to his local chapter, his work on the national level and his involvement in community affairs. He is a SigEp District Governor, was inducted last year as an honorary member of Gamma Sigma Alpha, a national Greek leadership fraternity, and served as an advisor to Purdue's Alcohol Task Force which wrote the new alcohol policy for Purdue's Greek system.



Tufts Graduate Pens "An Animal Cries"

A new novel, "An Animal Cries," (Castle Pacific Publishing) by Neil Hare (Tufts '91) hit book stores this fall. "It is a coming of age story, like 'Catcher in the Rye,' which takes place in Washington, D.C.," Brother Hare said. "The main character is a recent college graduate who discovers life is not quite what he expected it to be, and the light-hearted days of college are no more. Slowly, he sinks into despair and ultimately tries to escape from his new reality only to realize that there is no escape, only the daily effort to make the best possible life for himself." After a brief stint playing semi-professional soccer in France, Hare moved back to Washington, D.C. where he spends his mornings writing and his afternoons practicing law.



Davidson Alumni in Russian-American Alliance

Three years ago, during a visit to Moscow, Mark Deininger (Davidson '73) learned about a coating for spark plugs developed by Soviet military scientists that kept carbon from building up on plugs in bitter cold weather. On his return home he found out that U.S. auto makers had been working on the same problems for a decade with little success while they lost millions paying for replacement plugs that made their way off Detroit assembly lines in winter. Now, with four patents pending and two in hand, he has formed the Russian-American Technology Alliance (RATA) with a subsidiary, Sparco,

MILITARY SERVICE

SigEps Honored, Reunited Lt. Col. Nathan A. Allen, Jr.(USAR-retired) (Nebraska '36) received the prestigious Harry S. Truman Award at the



Reserve Officers Association's convention in April. The award recognized 63 years of "distinguished service" and his support of the Confederation Inter-

allied of Reserve Officers in the NATO countries, which now include Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Capt. Iven C. Kincheloe (Purdue '49) in June was featured on the Web page of the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (www.wpafb.af.mil/museum) as "Air Force Person of the Month." A jet ace in the Korean War, he later was chief test pilot of the "X-plane" rocket research program. A permanent exhibit of Captain Kincheloe's memorabilia at the museum contains a charm bracelet made for his mother which includes his first set of wings and SigEp's Greek letters.

Bruce A. Yungclas (left) (Iowa State '49 and district governor in the 1950s) and Robert E. Axthelm (Iowa State '48) were reunited at a recent World



War II Air Force reunion. Brother Yungclas was shot down on his 17th mission over Japan and spent six months as a POW. Brother

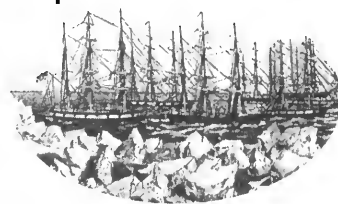
Axthelm completed 35 missions over Japan. Both come from a long line of SigEps: Bob's father, Edward E. Axthelm (Iowa State '16), who was district governor in the 1930s and 1940s, and his son David (Indiana '82), and Bruce's uncle, James A. Yungclas (Iowa State '16), father, William H. Yungclas (Iowa State '20), and three brothers, Thomas H., Kreg A. and William R. (Iowa State '50, '57 and '65).

Inc., which is negotiating to coat millions of spark plugs for General Motors and Ford vehicles.

The company will soon convert into Industrial Technologies International (ITL), a company that would drop the "Russian" name to prepare for ventures in Eastern Europe. Other Davidson alumni who have joined Deininger in the Alliance are L. Donald Long, Jr. '75, chairman, Dr. Mark Newman '81, director of RATA/ITL, Lyman Parrigan '71, Wade Shepherd '71 and Paul Fisher '71.

'Jeremy Project' Maps 1871 Ship

Wrecks Jeff Ota (Stanford '94), a research engineer at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California, was leader of the "Jeremy Project" in August



which set out to locate and map the hulks of 32 whaling ships lost in the icy seas of Alaska in 1871. Ota and his NASA team took along a tiny new underwater robot vehicle called Phantom XL. The 43-inch, 100-pound vehicle was equipped with stereoscopic video cameras developed by NASA, with guidance controlled by the same computer software that navigated the Sojourner robot on Mars. The project was planned as a prelude to an effort by space scientists next year to search for life using remote-controlled underwater robots in volcanic vents that erupt beneath the sea off Antarctica. Ota said the Phantom XL's stereo cameras relay a "virtual reality" map of the underseas environment with unequaled 3-D precision.

New Book on Central America's

Wars Dr. William M. LeoGrande (Syracuse '71) has written a history of Central American conflicts in the 1980s entitled "Our Own Backyard: The United States in Central America, 1977-1992" (University of North Carolina Press). Ambassador Robert White, who served in the region during the period, said the book is "destined to become the standard against which all future books on the Central America tragedy will be measured." Dr. LeoGrande is acting dean and professor of political science in the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. He has written widely in the field of Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy, with particular emphasis on Central America and Cuba.



Two Other New Books The article on SigEp authors in the Spring 1997 issue of *SigEp Journal* continues to generate response. Two of the most recent communications are from James L. Loomis (Boston '59) who has published a book on North American train travel and David S. Linthicum (George Mason '85) who has produced a guide to client/server and intranet

development. If you have published a book, the SigEp Alumni Association would be proud to place a copy in the Fraternity's library at Zollinger House. A future issue of *SigEp Journal* will revisit and highlight some of SigEp's noted and up-and-coming authors.



St. Louis Center Named for Jack Miller

Thirty-five years after he founded the study of hospitality education at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, retired professor Jack E. Miller (Oklahoma State '52) has been acknowledged with his name on a new hospitality building. The \$5 million Jack E. Miller Hospitality Studies Center was dedicated with a gala celebration attended by college officials, former students, chefs and restaurateurs. Renowned internationally as a hospitality educator, Brother Miller was inducted in 1988 into the National Restaurant Association's College of Diplomates, an honor he shares with Julia Childs, J. Willard Marriott, SigEp Dave Thomas and Paul Prudhomme.



Photo: Jerry Seegers

Kovschak Gets Legal Services Award Matthew J. Kovschak (Southern Florida '82) was one of five attorneys honored with the 1998 Recognition Award from Florida Rural Legal Services for his many volunteer hours and for his dedication to providing legal services to those who are unable to hire legal counsel.

New LaSalle National Bank Senior VP Terry M. Keating (Valparaiso '81) has been promoted to senior vice president and head of the commercial lending department of LaSalle National Bank, Chicago. He began his banking career 17 years ago, is treasurer of a social service agency that serves abandoned and neglected children, and is a founder of the Valparaiso Chicago Area Alumni Council.

SigEps Lead UMass Alumni Association Robert M. Goodhue ('70) is president and Jess Kane ('70) is vice president of the University of Massachusetts Alumni Association. They follow in the footsteps of another SigEp, Michael W. Morris ('63), immediate past president. Two other SigEps, Timothy J. Bryant ('89) and state Rep. Harold M. Lane, Jr. ('60), also are on the board. Bryant, who also serves as general counsel, is a former member of SigEp's headquarters staff.

PMI Food Equipment Promotes Heim

Blake R. Heim (Ohio Northern '91) has been promoted to manager of market research and analysis by PMI Food Equipment Group, Troy, Ohio. He was president of SigEp's Ohio Northern chapter in 1990.



Quintero Forms Atlanta Consulting/Training Firm

Carlos Quintero (Clemson '73) is founder and president of Sales Effectiveness, Inc., a new Atlanta-based performance improvement consulting and training firm. He has 24 years of experience in sales and marketing management and consulting and his projects include designing sales and service training programs, performance measurement systems and compensation plans to achieve growth objectives. Brother Quintero is a former member of SigEp's headquarters staff, a past district governor, and is active as a volunteer with SigEp's Clemson Chapter.

Klein Receives London Business School Alumni Award

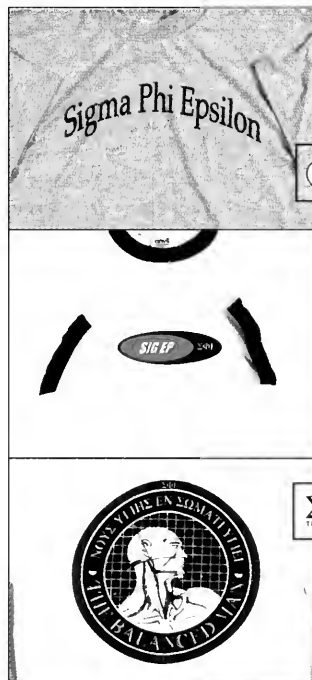
Michael H. Klein (Wisconsin-Madison '87) has been awarded the London Business School Alumni Association's award for outstanding contributions to the school community. He received his MBA from the school in July and previously spent eight years running political campaigns in the U.S. He has joined the London management consulting firm of Smythe Dorward Lambert.

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The Sigma Phi Epsilon afghan: a Hands On Originals exclusive. This afghan was a huge hit last year, and is likely to be even more popular this year! We've talked to so many people who've found these afghans useful as throws, blankets, wall decorations and more. Definitely a unique gift for your favorite SigEp! 100% jacquard woven cotton. Made in the USA. Size 48" x 72". Available also with the SigEp's crest. SE059AF - "Crest Afghan" - \$58.95 SE058AF - "Man Afghan" - \$58.95



Classic Sigma Phi Epsilon. The shirt that goes with almost anything. One color front print and clever two color neck print. Get one for yourself and a brother. SE032HT - "Heather Tee" - \$14.50

Ring around the collar (and the sleeves). Stick red & black. Front only chest print on a 100% pre shrunk cotton ringer tee. Black collar and rings. SE002RT - "Oval Ringer Tee" - \$15.50

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Two words for you: ORDER NOW! This cap is going to be hot! 2-color Sigma Phi Epsilon embroidered logo on the front. Garment washed heavy cotton twill. Unstructured shape, fabric back and antique brass buckle. SE035MH - "Mustard Hat" - \$17.95



We've run into countless people with this hat. If you've never had one, what are you waiting for? Unstructured, 100% brushed canvas cotton (that means it fits right the first time you put it on.) ΣΦΕ Letters embroidered on the front, "SigEp" on the back. SE034NH - "Navy Hat" - \$17.95



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Delaware Alpha ♦ University of Delaware

The Delaware Alpha Chapter at the University of Delaware recently earned a "Five Star" rating from the university's administration. The rating is given to chapters based on their performance in academics, community service, campus leadership, and risk management. This Balanced Man Chapter earned the rating for the second year in a row and was one of only three chapters to receive the top standing this fall out of twenty fraternities on campus. Because of the Five Star rating, Delaware Alpha is one of only three fraternities allowed to recruit this fall.



Texas Christian SEC ♦ Texas Christian University

In April, the men of Texas Christian SEC (dormant Texas Gamma) hosted Judge Mitch Crane to speak on risk management issues to the entire TCU Greek community. Following the speech, Judge Crane spoke privately with the chapter. The member's responsible behavior is winning positive reviews on campus. This fall, the chapter has recruited 21 men and is working toward achieving its chartering criteria. With a 3.09 GPA above the all campus average, the group is on its way.



Chicago Hilton Hotel & Towers

members see the big picture of SigEp, the esteem of the chapter, as well as the responsibility members have to carry Kansas Delta's success forward.

Kansas Delta ♦ Washburn University

Five lucky undergraduates are headed to Chicago for the 1999 Grand Chapter Conclave. In addition to the chapter's delegate and alternate, Chapter Counselor Loran Smith is personally sponsoring the registration of five more members. Kansas Delta has won three consecutive Buchanan Cups, and this Balanced Man Chapter remains top in both manpower and academics with over a 3.2 GPA. By sending a large delegation, the chapter ensures that

Memphis SEC ♦ University of Memphis

When the University of Memphis looks for leadership, it need look no further than the SigEp chapter. Both undergraduates and alumni of the chapter are quick to answer the call. Currently, W. Bernard Hill (Memphis '52) serves as vice President of the University of Memphis Foundation. Stephen W. Vescovo (Memphis '77) serves as President of the University of Memphis Alumni Association. And, not to be outdone, Paul Walker (Memphis '99) is the current president of the Student Activities Committee, the controlling student government organization.



Project America ♦ National Service Learning Initiative

Project America is SigEp's national service learning initiative. Tabulation of this year's results has not been completed yet,

but by all accounts 1998 looks to equal last year. In 1997, Project America Day—a national day of community improvement—saw approximately 100,000 people volunteer across the country (up from 15,000 in 1995, and 30,000 in 1996). More than 25,000 volunteers participated in 97 different SigEp-led projects. Project America is a separately incorporated, 501(c)(3) organization that is working in partnership with SigEp to document the service activities of our members.



California Theta ♦ Sacramento State University

This past year, California Theta has made a great turnaround. The chapter had been placed on Alumni Advisory Council and after restructuring the group, a dozen men were determined to take the chapter back to #1. During the fall, the chapter finished third in recruitment and number one in grades raising the GPA by .4 to a 2.7. Cal Theta was the only chapter above the all-campus average. During the spring, the chapter continued its success. At the Carlson Leadership Academies, the chapter received the Dean's List Award for academics, the Excelsior Award for recruitment, and the Outstanding Website Award. The university awarded the chapter the Dean's Trophy for Outstanding Fraternity of the Year as well as individual awards for Greek Man of the Year, Outstanding Chapter President, Outstanding Scholar, and Outstanding Greek Leader. Now the chapter is moving forward with the implementation of the Balanced Man Project and plans are underway for the chapter's 35th Sweetheart's Ball Anniversary on April 17, 1999. For details, contact Patrick Dunlap at (916) 368-5999, via e-mail at pdunlap@calweb.com, or visit the chapter's website at www.csus.edu/org/sigep/home.htm.



Illinois Nu ♦ Eastern Illinois University

Greek Sing at Eastern Illinois University once again saw SigEp walk away with the honors in 1998—as the chapter has done six of the last seven years! The chapter also received honors at the

Greek Recognition Awards for outstanding community service, outstanding risk management, outstanding academic programming, outstanding Greek Man of the Year, outstanding new member, and two of the top ten Greek student awards for men and women combined. The chapter also maintains a membership of over 90 men. Last spring, two SigEps became charter members of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society.

Florida Mu ♦ University of Central Florida

Florida Mu SigEps helped raise money for Orlando Magic guard Nick Anderson's charity in conjunction with Seniors First Charity for underprivileged seniors. Corporate sponsors in the year's event included Nations Bank and Mobil Gas to name only two. The campaign raised over \$100,000, and Florida Mu is proud to have helped. This fall, the chapter recruited 40 men and has a membership of over 140 SigEps.



Missouri Alpha ♦ University of Missouri

Missouri Alpha's academic success continues. In the spring, SigEps earned a 3.24 GPA, placing at the top on campus, edging out Beta Theta Pi that earned a 3.20.

As a result of Missouri Alpha's performance, the chapter received the Chancellor's Cup for Excellence in Scholarship again this year.

Kentucky Alpha ♦ University of Kentucky

The men of Kentucky Alpha have more to celebrate than just the NCAA National Championship of the men's basketball team. Kentucky Alpha is going strong, too! In the fall, the men of Kentucky Alpha earned a 2.95 GPA, above the 2.86 all-campus average. The chapter recruited well last spring, and this fall saw 31 new members join. The chapter outperformed its five-year average, and is making strides with the implementation of the Balanced Man Project.



Nebraska Alpha ♦ University of Nebraska

Renovation projects continue at the Nebraska Alpha chapter house. New carpet, new tables, and new chairs have been added to the basement to help create a better environment for formal meetings and for members to study. Creating a positive chapter environment is nothing new at Nebraska Alpha,

a Balanced Man Chapter. Members consistently maintain a GPA above a 3.2. Last spring, the Nebraska Alpha earned a 3.26! Because of the chapter's strong academic performance, members also find it easier to recruit—as evidenced by the 33 new members recruited this fall, consistent with the chapter's performance over the last decade!

Oklahoma Beta ♦ University of Oklahoma

SigEps at the University of Oklahoma erupted with recruitment! The chapter recruited 53 members this fall, the largest group of new members in the chapter's history. This diverse group includes national merit scholars and several OU football players. Oklahoma Beta's membership is over 120 men strong.

Kansas Gamma ♦ University of Kansas

In April, Kansas Gamma celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Alumni from all over the US came to participate in the weekend's activities. The chapter performed again in Rock Chalk Revue—a student performance that consists of musicals written, composed, directed, and produced by chapter members. Rock Chalk is one of the largest student-run philanthropies in the country which last year donated \$30,000 and 34,000 hours of community service to the United Way. Kansas Gamma is currently in the top quartile among fraternities in manpower and intramurals.

Missouri Beta ♦ Washington University

The men of Missouri Beta are once again proving themselves leaders. In the annual student-run Thurtene Carnival, the largest such event in the country, SigEp took top honors for overall contribution and performance. In addition, the chapter has been honored for its outstanding community service with an inner-city-mentoring program. Winning intramurals, maintaining a chapter GPA above a 3.0, and boasting top manpower, Missouri Beta is a leading chapter at Washington University.

Bucknell SEC ♦ Bucknell University

In August, members of Bucknell SEC (dormant Pennsylvania Kappa) moved back into the chapter house after a five-year absence. After a \$250,000 renovation that the university undertook, the facility is in good shape. The chapter is doing its part to create a chapter environment that is conducive to academic success as evidenced by the chapter's 3.0 GPA. One SigEp, Todd Gleason, was awarded the Udall Fellowship, a national award established by the United States Congress to honor 30-year US Congressman Morris K. Udall. It is given annually to students who demonstrate aptitude of and appreciation for environmental policy and law. Gleason is the university's first-ever recipient.



Indiana Gamma ♦ Ball State University

Indiana Gamma wrapped up a great year in the spring with a first place finish in grades above the all campus average, a membership over 100 men, and thousands of dollars contributed to a variety of

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causes. For the chapter's efforts, SigEp was awarded the Philanthropy Award and the Highest Chapter GPA Award. In addition, an Indiana Gamma SigEp was named Outstanding Man of the Year. This Balanced Man chapter was also presented an award for excellence in membership development. This fall, the chapter is off to a strong start again.



Alabama Beta ♦ University of Alabama

Alabama Beta member, Andy Witcher, was named the 1997-98 Marching Instructor for the University of Alabama's Million Dollar Band. Ranked as one of the best bands in America by Sports Illustrated, Witcher will work with the marching drill for half-time

shows and musical engagements. For its part, the Alabama Beta chapter finished as the Greek all-sports champions again in the spring and earned a 2.74 GPA, above the all campus average and ranking the chapter second of 24 fraternities on campus.



Montana Alpha ♦ University of Montana

At the All Greek, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council Achievement Awards, the Montana Alpha Chapter received the award for most improved GPA. In addition, the chapter's recruitment

was also up. The chapter recruited 23 members last year, and is working to continue growing its membership this fall.

Missouri Nu ♦ St. Louis University

During the 1998 Order of Omega Awards, SigEp nearly swept the awards. Scholarship above the All-Greek Average, Outstanding Membership Development Program Award for the Balanced Man Project, IFC Involvement Award, Chapter Scholarship Award, and Chapter Luminary Award all came home with SigEp's 46-man chapter. Missouri Nu earned a 3.17 GPA in the spring, and this fall recruited 29 men, the best in the chapter's history.



Pennsylvania Tau ♦ West Chester University

Members of Pennsylvania Tau participated in a "White Ribbon Rally" to call attention to preventing violence against women. The program is an outgrowth of the Fraternity Violence

Education Project in which Penn Tau has participated since its inception six years ago. Members also supported the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Food and Clothing Drive.

Nebraska Delta ♦ Creighton University

Members of Nebraska Delta have cause to celebrate. The chapter holds the number one position in academics, intramurals, campus leadership, and manpower with over 130 members. With the diligent support of alumni like John Scribante (Creighton '89) and others, the chapter recently secured housing as well. Undergraduate Pat Lazure said, "We are excited and grateful."

Vermont SEC ♦ University of Vermont

On a Saturday in April, nearly 400 volunteers—including many SigEps from Vermont SEC—from the University of Vermont's Greek community gave over 1,100 hours to a neighborhood clean-up effort throughout the Chittenden county. Approximately 32 tons of debris were taken to a nearby landfill.



Wisconsin-Platteville SEC ♦ University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Greek organization of the year, student body president, kick-off to a state-wide philanthropic effort, doubling in manpower, a GPA above the all campus average, and wrapping it all up with a non-alcoholic banquet attended by several faculty members and virtually 100% parent attendance—now that's a great year! The men of Wisconsin-Platteville SEC are now focused on the year to come and the chartering criteria they must attain.

California Beta Alpha ♦ University of California-Irvine

Nearly a year ago, SigEp's first Beta Alpha chapter was installed. The men of California Beta Alpha at the University of California-Irvine continue to excel. Scholarship is important to the group. The chapter maintains a GPA above the all campus average, and recently hosted a reception for its Balanced Man Scholarship finalists. Twenty finalists along with their parents and members of the chapter attended the occasion.



UC-Davis SEC ♦ University of California-Davis

SigEp is back and better than ever! In 1993 the California Eta chapter at UC-Davis was closed for risk management violations. Now, after several years, SigEp is off to a strong start. The chapter has started with over 20 members recruited from recommendations made by campus leaders, administrators, and student groups. In order to ensure a well-rounded membership, involvement in other student organizations is a requirement to join the group. The founding group consists of track, crew, water polo, and skiing athletes as well as representatives from a variety of student organizations. The chapter already holds the highest GPA on campus with around a 3.2. In December, the chapter packed 700 bags of food for the local food bank.

Indiana Alpha ♦ Purdue University

Two SigEps at Purdue University won top honors this past year. Trevor Bollhorst (left) was named Homecoming King, out of 21 other contestants. Frank Herda (right) was named "Big Man on Campus" out of 23 contestants. Indiana Alpha, a Balanced Man Chapter, is over 140 members strong. In the spring the chapter earned a 3.03 GPA with over 100 members.



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Educational Foundation

Alumni, parents and friends of Sigma Phi Epsilon are increasing their investment in scholarship and leadership and in the concept of the Balanced Man through the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation.

Foundation assets have grown to more than \$13,000,000 in 1998 providing important resources for Sigma Phi Epsilon's scholarship and leadership programs.

Bequests and planned gifts that provide future resources for the Foundation are providing important continued growth of the Educational Foundation. The Foundation presently has 118 named endowments established by gifts that stipulate the amount of the gift will be preserved and only income and appreciation will be used to make awards.

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For information or a discussion about your interest in a current or planned gift please contact:

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Foundation Scholars

...the Heart of the Matter

"The University President was eager to present my Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship ...signifying SigEp's dedication to education."

T. KENT BARBER, ZOLLINGER SCHOLAR, MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

Steven Schindler, Baldwin-Wallace '98, Stroud Scholar *Steven is destined to be a successful leader based on two traits: his values of honesty with a concern for his colleagues and his use of advanced technology to aid in developing his managerial skills. He has gone beyond traditional course work, participating in field work at area businesses and traveling abroad to experience other cultures. On campus he has been involved in student government, tutoring and Sigma Phi Epsilon of which he is proud to be a member saying he will treasure the friendships and the contribution it made to balancing his life.*

FROM THE BALDWIN-WALLACE ALUMNI MAGAZINE

My SigEp scholarship made a difference by enabling me to stay in school with a balanced lifestyle, allowing me more time to study instead of working more.

RON SKELTON, ZOLLINGER SCHOLAR

The SigEp scholarship allowed me to accept an important internship without the financial impact being a first consideration and this opportunity will be an important influence in my career. It is great for your self esteem also.

RYAN DESMOND, MAECHTLEN SCHOLAR

I used half of my Resident Scholar grant to make scholarship awards in the chapter to Brothers who made dramatic improvement in grades.

DAREK FUSELIER, RESIDENT SCHOLAR

Receiving my scholarship motivates me to feel I've truly earned it. I want to make sure to give back when I am able.

RYAN FRERICHS, SLATER SCHOLAR

Because of my scholarship I was able to use part of it to make a contribution to a local grade school for better textbooks. It is important for me to help others in need and my scholarship made that possible.

STEPHEN FRAPPIER, ZOLLINGER SCHOLAR

My SigEp scholarship made a difference by stabilizing my last year of college. Sigma Phi Epsilon has given me the tools necessary to succeed in the future.

TOM PETROSKY, NATIONAL SCHOLAR

The Clark Scholarship was a great aid to my goal of achieving a Civil Engineering degree. In fact, the resources and opportunities SigEp has provided throughout my undergraduate years will positively impact my career and my personal life. I look forward to contributing to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation after graduation.

NATHAN RIES, CLARK SCHOLAR

My SigEp scholarship helped bring me one step closer to medical school. Just as a rocket needs fuel to shoot for the stars, a Brother needs support to achieve his dreams.

KEN NORI, ZOLLINGER SCHOLAR

One of the proudest moments of my college life was receiving the SigEp scholarship. It helped not only with my tuition but with my confidence and self esteem. I am grateful that our Fraternity has the resources to help Brothers currently attending school.

CHARLES CATANESE, UTTERBACK SCHOLAR



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Echoes of the Past

Ever since the first chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon met in an unheated room in the tower of Ryland Hall at Richmond College, the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon have dreamed of establishing a home of substance and beauty.

In 1990, that dream came true when Sigma Phi Epsilon moved into its new home named Zollinger House in honor of Past Grand President J. Edward Zollinger. "Zolly," as he was known, often remarked when asked why he dedicated himself to the Fraternity, "It's the only way I know to change the world."

The Grand Plaza in front of Zollinger House was once adorned

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